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MARGINAL COLUMN

By ERAYA SHAPIRO

WE would like to draw the attention of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the U.N. Secretary-General, to a piece of Arabic prose contained in a letter addressed to the Egyptian *fedayeen* in June of last year. A copy of this letter is now in the hands of the Israel military authorities. It was sent by the Training Command of the Egyptian Army, acting on behalf of the Operations Council within the general framework of the Army of Egypt — these authorities appear at the heading of the letter and the subject was: "The Night Devils."

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THE Night Devils were the *fedayeen*.

"These heroes returned with a smile on their lips, happy because they gave the enemy bitterness to drink.

"Brother mine, the Free Fedayeen!"

"The U.N. has hastened to send its general secretary, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to reduce the tension between the Arabs and Israel. Of course, the West fears for the well-being of its pampered child, Israel. But the sense of freedom expands constantly in our hearts and there is no way of putting the clock of history back.

"The Arab nations have learned from their rich experience that nobody will give them their rights.

"Today our intention is not to launch a punitive expedition like that of 1948, but a full-fledged war. This means force, misery, brutality, sacrifice — a war of annihilation and reconstruction."

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SO, the *fedayeen* were encouraged not to take Colonel Abdul Nasser's promises literally. Unfortunately for the U.N. Secretary, no copy of this encouraging letter was sent to New York. And an expert in legality like the Secretary General can only judge according to evidence before him, which in this case was Colonel Nasser's cease-fire declaration. It may also be of interest to quote a paragraph from the "most secret instructions for the Eastern Command training programme for 1955/56." The period of cease-fire, the instruction states, "will have no effect whatsoever on the determination which prevails at present. We shall maintain our battle spirit and will enhance it by constant training at a high level."

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THE sort of training which the Egyptian Army chiefs had in mind can be best illustrated by the following excerpts from "Plan No. 5 'Nasser' : Supply and Transport School of Military Administration."

"1. The Eastern state, with its capital Tel Aviv, and the Western State with its capital Cairo, are neighbouring countries. Their common demarcation line is the eastern frontier of Egypt.

"2. During 1948 and 1949 the Western State conquered from the Eastern a strip of land 10 kilometres wide north of Gaza, on the northern frontier of Egypt.

"3. In 1949 both countries signed an Armistice Agreement, stipulating that the Western state would not hold more than a brigade in the strip it had conquered.

"4. Both countries began at once to prepare for war. The aim of the Western state was definitely to blot out the Eastern, although its avowed ambition was only to annex the Southern Negev, which lies to the south of the line Gaza 2426 and Beersheba 2723, so that she may implement the collective security agreement the Western state had contracted through international obligations. The Eastern state intends to evict the Western forces from the Strip under the latter's domination.

"5. Incidents along the border reappeared, while the international situation was favourable for the Western country. The Western state thereupon decided to use some border incident in order to develop an attack and occupy Beersheba, entrench herself on the Beersheba-Gaza line and clear the Negev, as the first stage of operations.

"6. The plan of the Western State was, under cover of training exercises, to concentrate its First Infantry Division, under whose command was put the 1st (Independent) Armoured Brigade, on the Eastern border area. Under cover of manoeuvres the Blind Army would be able to organize with the object of implementing its desires."

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THE "preamble" to the actual Exercise of Transport and Supply units was, as one sees, extremely close to the "real thing." In fact, it was "the real thing" itself. Practically all manoeuvre programmes found in the Gaza-El Arish area are couched in the same violent language. The plan for divisional manoeuvres ordered for the beginning of February of this year said that their purpose was:

"To prepare for the impending war with Israel, which will be waged for our lofty aim; namely the destruction of Israel; in the speediest manner possible with the utmost use of savage warfare."

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LEGALISTS at the U.N. may declare these documents of little value. For the average Israeli, however, whose life was endangered for the past nine years by organized terror, these excerpts more than prove what everybody felt in attendance: that the imminent Egyptian attack would be savage and terrible.

Tel Aviv, December 26.

No Statement Nor Debate on Gaza—B-G

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told the Knesset yesterday that he had nothing to add to the statement he made in the Knesset last week on the future of the Gaza Strip—i.e. that it would not be returned to Egypt.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut) calling for a debate on "the Prime Minister's statements to foreign correspondents on the future of liberated Gaza." (Last week, in reply to a question by Mr. Yigal Alon, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that "in no event and in no manner will Israel agree to the return of the Egyptian invader to this Strip.")

Following Mr. Ben-Gurion's brief statement, Mr. Begin's motion was defeated by a vote of 52-18. The motion was supported by Herut and the General Zionists, and was opposed by all the Coalition parties, plus the Communists and the Agudа members.

Mr. Begin said that it was inconceivable that the people should learn about the future of the Gaza Strip from Mr. Dag Hammarskjold or Mr. Hanson Baldwin or the United Press. By rejecting only the possibility of the return of Gaza to Egypt, the Prime Minister was leaving open the question of all the other suggested dispositions of the Strip, Mr. Begin claimed.

He asked whether the Government was waiting until the Yugoslavs, and right behind them the Egyptians, were at the gates of El Arish. It was for the Knesset to declare openly, without fear and without reservation, that the Gaza Strip had been liberated for ever.

The Prime Minister replied that he did not think that a debate now would serve any good purpose.

"No authorized person has been permitted or will be permitted, until a different decision is taken, to announce anything on this subject beyond that which I said in reply to the question of Mr. Yigal Alon. I will say no more and no less than that," Mr. Ben-Gurion concluded, asking Mr. Begin to withdraw his motion. When the latter declined, the Prime Minister asked the House to reject it.

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Israel Frigate Arrives at Eilat

EILAT, Tuesday. — Festooned with coloured lights, the Israel frigate, Misgav, entered Eilat port tonight. The warship left Haifa six weeks ago, sailing round the Cape and up the east coast of Africa to the Red Sea.

It is the first warship of its class to reach Eilat, although British destroyers have often anchored across the Bay, off the Jordan village of Akaba.

Top U.N. Officials Sent to Egypt

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — Two U.N. officials leave here fore Egypt tonight to consult with Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, on problems concerning clearance of the Suez Canal and the troops under his command.

The officials are Mr. Andrew Cordier, Executive Assistant to Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, and Colonel Alfred Katzin, Deputy Under-Secretary in charge of headquarters planning for the Suez Canal clearance operations.

Mr. Hammarskjold, announcing this last night, said the two men would arrive in Cairo tomorrow and return to New York by January 1 to report to him.

Mr. Hammarskjold put in a full working day on the Canal clearance problem. He conferred with Dr. Ralph Bunche, as well as Mr. Cordier, two of his top assistants prior to Mr. Cordier's departure for Cairo later in the day together with Mr. Fred Eaton.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency last night reported that the destruction of the statue of Ferdinand de Lesseps, French architect of the Suez Canal, at Port Said was carried out by "members of the Popular Resistance Squads."

"The statue was shattered and sank into the water amid the deafening applause of a huge crowd who assembled to witness this eradication of a trace of imperialism standing as a challenge to the gallant inhabitants of Port Said," the agency said.

The statue was shattered by dynamite and the main section from the knees upwards fell into a barge in the harbour. A shouting crowd then attacked the remaining section to complete the destruction.

Indemnity Sought By Egypt at U.N.

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — Egypt submitted a resolution to the U.N. General Assembly last night asking for indemnities against Britain, France and Israel for losses suffered in the recent Suez and Sinai military operations.

Egypt's resolution requests the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to report to the Assembly "as soon as possible on the required assessments as a basis for the payment by Israel, France and the U.K. of adequate compensation to Egypt."

Most U.N. diplomats had already begun their Christmas holidays before the resolution was submitted by the Egyptian delegation. The Assembly is in recess and is not due to meet again until January 2.

Spokesmen here for Israel, Britain and France yesterday declared that if Egypt presses her resolution they would be ready with counter-claims against the Nasser regime.

The Israel spokesman said Israel's counter-claims against Egypt would include losses and casualties inflicted by Egyptian border raiders as well as economic losses resulting from Cairo's refusal since 1948 to allow Israel ships to use the Suez Canal.

British and French spokesman said their Governments would charge Egypt with the illegal seizure of the property and business holdings of their respective citizens in Egypt.

The Egyptian resolution says that "their military operations have resulted in great casualties, losses of life and of property," and "requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the assessment of the damages caused."

Cairo Radio reported that Col. Abdul Hakim Amer has sent Christmas greetings to a number of countries. Britain, France and the Commonwealth countries were not mentioned in the list.

THROUGH INDIAN GLASSES

Egypt Openly Flouts U.N. By Continued Fedayeen Attacks

Continuing attacks of fedayeen against Israel were being carried out and admitted by Egypt in open defiance of the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Egypt is openly stepping up her policy of aggression against Israel, it said. Cairo Radio is continuing to proclaim Egypt's intention to persist in the campaign.

On Monday, Cairo Radio announced:

"Arab Governments are training *fedayeen* and instructing them in warfare which is neither forbidden nor shameful. The Government of Egypt is organising the *fedayeen* and instilling in them the readiness to fight. This, too, is legitimate. This is an honour for the Governments of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and other Governments."

Successive Attacks

The Ministry spokesman recalled that 24 hours after *fedayeen* squads carried out three night attacks in the Yokne'am area, they struck in the Beersheba vicinity to blow up a water pipeline near Omer. A large quantity of TNT was used.

On withdrawing the *fedayeen* sabotaged telephone lines and placed a time-bomb under a water installation.

"These pronouncements coupled with the latest *fedayeen* attacks shed glaring light on Egypt's continued defiance of the United Nations call to desist from raids into Israel," the spokesman concluded.

Menon Sees Nehru; Leaving for Cairo

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — India's Minister without Portfolio, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, spent today in private consultation with his Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, on the subject of his forthcoming meeting with President Nasser in Cairo.

The Indian statesmen were the holiday guests of Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten, at his country estate in Hampshire.

Mr. Menon is to leave tomorrow morning for Cairo for talks with the Egyptian Government on the international situation, with special reference to the Middle East crisis and the various aspects of the Suez Canal problem. Authoritative Indian sources said that Mr. Menon's talks would not be in the nature of negotiations but more a general exchange of views.

Mr. Nehru is scheduled to leave London on Thursday by plane for New Delhi. He will make only one official stop — at Dusseldorf — to meet the West German Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer, at the latter's request.

Egyptian PoW Doctor Praises Israel Care

An Egyptian physician in charge of the medical services in a P-o-W camp somewhere in Israel declared yesterday over Kol Yisrael's Arabic transmission that all his requests for medical facilities for his charges had been met forthwith by the Israel authorities.

The physician, Dr. Yousef Attalah, said that he got whatever he needed for the treatment of the P-o-W's under his care — be it X-ray equipment, drugs or hospital facilities.

On the same programme, seven Egyptian officers, also prisoners of war, spoke freely of the exemplary treatment which they had received at the hands of the Israel authorities. Several of them expressed their astonishment that they had seen no evidence of the practice of removing prisoners' fingernails, which they had been told in Egypt was common among the Israelis.

Egypt Claims British Troops Going to Iraq

PARIS, Tuesday (AFP). — Cairo Radio today quoted the military junta's "Al Goumhuriya" as saying that British troops in Cyprus are being sent to Iraq.

The paper said that the troops are not intended for the defence of Iraq but to bolster Nuri Said's Government against an outraged populace. It went on to warn Nuri that Britain, weakened by her Port Said debacle, is no longer able to stave off the just demands of the Iraqi people for political independence.

Meanwhile, ANA reported from Amman that Jordan has asked Iraq to recall the four staff officers left in the Jordanian capital following the withdrawal of Iraqi troops earlier this month. The Jordan Government rejected the Iraqi request that the officers remain as "military attaches" at the Embassy on the grounds that a mission of that size would be "inconsistent with the present military relations between the two countries."

Syrian Troops in Old City, Returning Pilgrims Report

By MACABEE BASKIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Syrian soldiers and officers were seen in the Old City and Bethlehem, Christmas pilgrims said yesterday upon their return to Israel at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem. Four of the Syrians even made a brief appearance at Mandelbaum Gate itself before they were hurried out of sight by the Arab Legionnaires.

The pilgrims reported that the Jordanian authorities displayed open hostility towards them. They were not permitted to cross the Jordan River, but were restricted to Jordan-held areas of Palestine.

One of the first of the 1,500 pilgrims to return to Israel yesterday after spending a day and a half in Jordan was Mrs. Josepha Furida, 24, of Nazareth who was admitted to the Misgav Ladach maternity hospital in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem. She began to feel ill while en route to Bethlehem and was brought back to Israel in an ambulance. The main body of the pilgrims began arriving at about 4 p.m. and two hours later the "gate" was flooded with them returning.

By 7 p.m., however, the stream had dwindled to a small trickle and then to stragglers.

Mandelbaum Gate was closed at 6 p.m.

The overwhelming majority of the pilgrims were militarily present in making customs declarations to the Israel authorities. They brought back a variety of gifts, ranging from wicker baskets filled with apples and other foodstuffs to cosmetics and cigarette lighters.

Several women returned limping, their feet aching from the new shoes they were wearing. They did not bring their old shoes back and claimed the new ones were the same they had worn when they crossed into Jordan.

Some persons tried to smuggle money and goods into Israel. One woman, of considerable girth, lost much of it during the customs inspection: inside her blouse were found a package of fountain pens, several pairs of nylons, three silk handkerchiefs, two silk blouses and six Turkish

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ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE DUG UP IN COLOGNE

COLOGNE, Tuesday (DNA). — Excavations in the centre of the old city here have unearthed the remains of an historic synagogue and ritual bath, believed to be of twelfth century origin. Both buildings are located in the centre of the medieval Jewish congestion area.

281 REFUGEES FROM EGYPT IN FRANCE

MARSEILLES, Tuesday (Reuter). — The s.s. Pasteur arrived here today with 281 Europeans deported from Egypt, 45 of them French.

Jordan Mission To Cairo Subsidy Talks

A Jordan delegation headed by Hafiyat Tukteimat, chief of the Royal Cabinet, is to leave for Cairo this week to negotiate an Egyptian subsidy to the Arab Legion, which, together with that of Syria and Saudi Arabia, will replace the annual £12.5m. British subsidy, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

The delegation, which also includes the Jordan Minister of Defence, Abdul Halim Nimmer, will later continue on to Damascus and Riadh.

Defence Ministers In Lebanon, Saudia Quit

The Lebanese Chief of Staff and Defence Minister, Brigadier Fuad Shehab, has decided to resign from his Cabinet post owing to the pressure of army work, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday from Beirut.

In a despatch from Riadh, the same source said that King Saud has accepted the resignation of his Ministry of Defence and Aviation, Emir Mish'al, a brother of the King. It is understood that the top candidate for the vacant job is King Saud's son, Muta'ab Ibn Saud.

Tunis Intervenes For Egypt's Jews

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Habib Bourguiba today asked the Egyptian Ambassador in Tunis, M. Fehmy, to ask his Government to cancel measures taken against Jews living in Egypt and holding Tunisian passports.

Mr. Bourguiba reported later today to the Council of Ministers on the measures, which were understood to include sequestration of property, requiring the people concerned to leave Egypt, and confiscation of their passports.

Mr. Bourguiba told Fehmy the Tunisian Government had never made any difference between Tunisians on account of their religion and every holder of a Tunisian passport was entitled to the same protection.

A Government spokesman said after the Council meeting that the Tunisian government would oppose any general measures taken against Tunisians either because of their Jewish faith or because they held old passports marked "Tunisian subject, French-protected person." Such a description, he pointed out, was out of date since Tunisia became independent.

Shake-Up in U.S.S.R. Economic Body; Pervukhin Named Chief

To Fight Waste, Inefficiency

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. M.G. Pervukhin, a Soviet First Deputy Premier, has been appointed Chairman of the State Economic Commission following the government's decision to reorganize the work of the Commission.

Mr. Pervukhin replaces Mr. Maxim Saburov, another First Deputy Premier, as Chairman of the Commission. The appointment was made by the President of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet.

Mr. Saburov this week reported on next year's economic plan at a meeting of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee.

The Committee, meeting for the first time since last February's "de-Stalinization" congress, hailed the advances in production of agricultural, industrial and consumer goods in 1956, but denounced current failures in economic planning.

It demanded that the sixth Five-Year-Plan, which has already been operating for a year, should be presented to the Supreme Soviet for consideration and approval within the first six months of 1957.

The Central Committee yesterday disclosed the launching of a new all-out drive against inefficiency, incompetence and waste in management of the country's economy.

The Party Presidium also appointed Deputy Premiers Alexei Kosygin and Vyacheslav Malyshev as First Deputy Chairmen of the Commission, and Deputy Premier Mikhail Khrunichev and Mr. Vladimir Kucherenko as Deputy Chairmen.

All the newly-appointed First Deputy and Deputy Chairmen of the Commission will have ministerial rank, the announcement added.

The Central Committee published no report of any discussion on questions of politics, ideology or leadership. Some reports current in Moscow, however, said that the political implications of the new economic decisions had been discussed, while examination of other questions might follow early next year.

Confusion Revealed

The resolution on planning revealed considerable confusion and mistakes in the planning of the Soviet economy and called for "clarification" of certain aspects of the sixth Five-Year Plan. In particular the resolution said that means were to be sought to increase allocations of housing — which represents the worst problem facing the Soviet man in the street.

The Committee also revealed surprising failure to meet the 1956 plan not only in house building but also in such vital products as coal, metal, cement and timber. It was noted that all these, except for coal, are building materials.

The Central Committee made it plain that the official political line which was introduced with the resignation of Mr. Georgi Malenkov from the premiership nearly two years ago was still the "predominant development of heavy industry." But it made no attempt to hammer this point home repeatedly, as almost all major speeches and announcements on economy have done since Mr. Malenkov's resignation.

The resolution on Marshal Bulganin's report showed that bureaucracy and excessive central control remain in the Soviet economy despite all attacks on them over the past two years. It stressed the need to increase the initiative and responsibility of "men on the spot."

The resolution contained harsh words of criticism for the committee for short-term planning headed by Mr. Saburov.

The decisions on economic questions, though less sweeping than the changes which have been expected, were taken in Moscow as an answer to sharp criticisms from factories, farms and other institutions about the way the Soviet economy was being run. Similarly, the decision on housing was an answer to strong complaints from workers whose living conditions in some cases are well-nigh intolerable.

Western observers said that the resolutions revealed the continued search by Soviet leaders to combine the strong central control which existed under Stalin with a broader development of local initiative and efficiency.

Hungary Claims Refugees Returning; But More Flee

VIENNA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Budapest Radio claimed last night that 7,000 Hungarian refugees have already asked to be sent back to Hungary. The radio quoted the Hungarian Legation here as saying that the number of refugees wishing to return home was constantly growing.

It said refugees who left Austria for Switzerland, West Germany, Belgium and other countries also wished to be repatriated.

This desire to return to Hungary was due largely to the overcrowded conditions in refugee camps, where men, women and children were herded together and had to sleep on straw. Some camps lacked even the most elementary conveniences, the radio added.

But many of the 794 Hungarian refugees who arrived in Austria overnight said today that finding asylum in the West was the best Christmas present they could wish.

With this last group of refugees the total number of Hungarians who escaped since October 28 amounted to 150,424, an official of the inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration said here today. Of these 81,122 had been moved to other countries, led by the U.S. with 13,915 refugees, closely followed by Britain with 12,629.

International Red Cross workers remained on duty all Christmas eve to help refugees who came across dark, snow-covered fields.

Christmas feasts were prepared for refugees in camps all along the Austrian frontier. One man came to a refugee hostel in Vienna yesterday and took 20 Hungarian children out "to give them some cakes." When he returned with his charges each was dressed in new clothes from head to foot.

In Budapest, meanwhile, Hungarians flocked to church today, Catholic and Protestant churches decorated with fir branches were packed to their doors.

All wore their "Sunday best" and were muffled in heavy coats, fur hats and thick gloves and scarves. Many were in black.

Candles glowed on the capital's snow-covered graves of Hungarians killed in their national rising and buried where they fell in streets and squares of the capital.

Russian tanks and troops stood guard at bridges and public buildings throughout the city, but observers said that they kept in the background and only occasional lorry loads of infantrymen patrolled streets.

Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, conducted private mass in the U.S. Legation, where he sought asylum on November 4.

Moorhouse Killed, Nasser Discloses

BEIRUT, Tuesday. — Colonel Cyril Banks, British M.P., said on his arrival from Cairo today that President Nasser had informed him last night that Second Lieutenant Anthony Moorhouse, the officer kidnapped in Port Said, "lost his life at the hands of those who captured him."

Col. Banks went to Cairo in the hope of bringing back the 21-year-old officer, who had been kidnapped by the Egyptians in Port Said earlier this month.

U.N. officials in New York said tonight they had no news confirming or denying the statement of Col. Banks.

Yesterday, a Norwegian officer of the U.N.E.F. stationed in Port Said declared that he had been taken to see a man purporting to be Lieutenant Moorhouse. According to the officer, he had been conducted by members of the Egyptian underground to a room where he was shown a man dressed in a British uniform who was pointed out as the kidnapped Briton. The man did not speak to the Norwegian but replied to questions with nods of his head.

Confers with Nasser

Colonel Banks, who resigned from the Conservative Party in protest against the Eden Government's Suez policy, conferred with President Nasser for an hour and three quarters last night. He had flown from Beirut earlier in the day, the first Briton to arrive privately in Egypt since the breakdown of Anglo-Egyptian relations.

He told reporters in Cairo that "the knowledge which I gained from my meeting with President Nasser has convinced me that my attitude was right and proper, and I have no regrets at resigning from the Conservative Party."

10 Die in Algerian Train Sabotage

ALGIERS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Ten people were killed, including six soldiers, when a train was derailed on Sunday night by an explosion near Colomb Bechar, Western Algeria, according to reports reaching here last night. Two mines were exploded by remote control beneath the train.

Christmas eve attacks in Algeria continued last night with the detonation of two bombs in the centre of Algiers shortly before midnight. One placed in a lorry close to the law courts destroyed five shops but injured nobody. The second went off in a building close to the Algiers Prefecture.

U.S. to Help Refugees Back to Free Hungary

CAMP KILMER, New Jersey, Tuesday (Reuter).—President Eisenhower today assured Hungarian refugees in the U.S. that they would be helped to return to their own country if they decided to go back when Hungary attains freedom.

His assurance was contained in a letter of welcome distributed to about 7,000 refugees in this reception centre.

Shiloah Returning For Consultations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's Minister to Washington, Mr. Reuven Shiloah, is due home this evening for consultations. Mr. Shiloah is expected to return to his post within a few days.

The date of the return of the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, has not yet been decided. There is a possibility that she will remain in the U.S. for the second session of the U.N. General Assembly which convenes next week.

Histadrut Rules On 45-Hour Week

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Working hours in public institutions and services will be extended from 42 to 45 hours per week, according to a decision taken at yesterday's meeting of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department. The Civil Servants' and Clerks' Union will seek to put this decision into effect beginning January 1957.

Mr. A. Becker, Histadrut Trade Union head, suggested that teachers work an extra two hours a week in order to cope with the teachers' shortage.

For First-Hand Study Eshel to Hungary

Mr. Arieh Eshel, Director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry, is due to leave today for Budapest for a study of the situation there. He is due to return in about two weeks.

Mr. Eshel will take with him 15 kilograms of penicillin and streptomycin, a gift to the Hungarian people from the Israel Medical Association. Israel previously contributed $5,000 for Hungarian relief.

Other gifts of clothes and citrus have been made by private and public organizations.

Japan Studying Ties With China

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — The new Japanese Cabinet today decided to consider diplomatic recognition and relations with Communist China and to promote trade between the two countries. Mr. Tanzan Ishibashi, the Prime Minister, presided over the first regular meeting of the Cabinet.

The ministers decided to consult other powers and the U.N. before taking any steps towards recognition of China.

Meanwhile, it was reported from the Port of Maizuru in Northern Japan that some 1,000 Japanese World War II prisoners are due to arrive tomorrow following their release by Russia from Siberian labour camps.

As far as Russia is concerned, the repatriates represent the fulfilment of her pledge made last autumn to return all Japanese captured by the Soviet armed forces during the closing days of the war in 1945. However, Japanese are sure that hundreds and perhaps thousands more Japanese are still being held in Siberia.

U.S. Negro Defies Ban On Travel to China

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Government officials said yesterday that the proposed visit of an American journalist to China in defiance of a State Department ban may jeopardize the release of 10 U.S. citizens there.

The newsman, William Worthy, a Negro employed by the weekly magazine "Afro-American," entered China yesterday on his way to interview three U.S. P.o.W.'s who chose to remain in China.

Several months ago, China invited 18 American journalists to visit China. They declined reluctantly after the State Department made it clear that its ban on travel to China could not be lifted as long as American citizens were being held as "political hostages."

Officials said that if the ban is defied, it will lose its value as a lever to persuade the Peking regime to release American detainees.

CHINA BUYING £12M. OF EGYPTIAN COTTON

China is to purchase £12m. worth of Egyptian cotton during 1957, "Akhbar el Yom," the Cairo weekly, reported. In return, Egypt is to receive LE4m. worth of iron, timber and oil from the Peking regime.

Adenauer Sees Hope For Reunification

BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said in a Christmas radio broadcast today that he hoped that 1957 would bring closer the reunification of Germany.

"We may hope," he declared "that even if 1957 does not bring to our fellow Germans in the Soviet zone fulfilment of our common heartfelt wish, it will at least bring it much closer. The rigid fronts separating us have finally begun to thaw."

No Further Rises in Power Rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There will be no further rises in electricity rates after those introduced last month, it was learned from official sources yesterday. Previously, a surcharge was planned to cover the added expenses involved in the supply difficulties after the Sinai campaign.

The proposal to raise the rates, made by the Electric Tariff Public Committee, was discussed earlier this week by the Ministerial Economic Committee, which decided that before the proposal is carried through it should be studied by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Prices.

The Electric Corporation is expected to increase its deficit by approximately IL5.8m. in the four months ending March, 1957. The Tariff Committee proposed that higher rates would reduce the deficit by about one half. This would have been done by increasing electricity rates in industry, resulting in higher production costs and inevitably in the rise of the Cost-of-Living Index.

The Ministerial Committee asked the Prices Committee to find out how the changes in rates would affect the economy and whether they were imperative. It is expected that two months will pass before the final decision is taken.

Meanwhile, no clear idea on sources for the supply of oil in the next few months can be obtained. It is understood from Development Ministry sources, however, that supplies are sufficient at present to obviate further restrictions on fuel consumption.

The restrictions imposed last month on the consumption of electricity have been strictly observed by the population, it is understood. The usage of electricity for domestic purposes and in business has dropped, as planned, by just less than 30 per cent. At present, 1,000 tons of fuel are allocated daily for these purposes, while previously 1,400 tons were consumed.

The 10 per cent cuts in the use of electricity in industry have been carried out less successfully. It is understood, however, that the Electric Corporation does not plan to press too hard on the industrial restrictions, as these might result in more unemployment.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Several explosions occurred last night in areas owned by Greek Cypriots adjoining the line dividing the Greek and Turkish sections of the city of Nicosia. Some damage was caused in each explosion.

Police and British troops were put on the alert.

Remember Mother's Cooking?

Especially her fragrant golden meat broth which was everybody's favourite. The same delicious meat soup with all its home-made goodness is ready to serve up in five minutes, instead of 2—3 hours. And Vita's new "Beef Soup" is out at just the right time with everyone longing for a plate of good hot soup. Vita's Beef soups are prepared from first-rate beef and selected vegetables. They are made with the same loving care that was mother's in her own kitchen. All the cooking is done for you. Just add water and heat. Vita Beef Soup, in the attractive foil package, is handy and on sale at all grocuries. Try it today!

(Advt.)

Social & Personal

The Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Barzilai, yesterday received Professor Sidney Kark, head of the Family and Community Health Department at the University of Durban, and Mrs. Kark, who are visiting the country at the invitation of the Ministry of Health.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevy Herzog yesterday received Rabbis Y. Z. Klein and A. Finkelstein of Budapest, who recently arrived from Hungary.

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A reception was held on board the s.s. Haifa on Monday prior to her leaving Haifa Port. Some 120 guests attended. Mayor Abba Khoushy handed a plaque to the ship's captain bearing the words "To the tanker Haifa from the City of Haifa."

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Mr. Y. Dror, Secretary of the Tel Aviv Social Workers and Nurses Union, has been appointed Secretary of the Eilat Labour Council.

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To commemorate the second anniversary of the death of Mr. Joseph Heftmann, editor of "Haboker" and chairman of the Israel Journalists Association, a memorial service will be held at the Journalists Association, Tel Aviv, at five o'clock on Sunday.

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Professor S. D. Goitein, of the Hebrew University, is to lecture in Hebrew on "A Way to Peace between Europe, Israel and the Arab World" under the auspices of the Israel Oriental Society-Hebrew University, tonight, Wednesday, December 26, 1956, at 8.30 at the Keren Hakayemet Hall, 11 Rehov Shapira, Tel Aviv. The public is invited.

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Professor L.A. Mayer is to address today's Jerusalem Rotary Club meeting at the Y.M.C.A. at 1.15 p.m. on "A Visit to Sinai."

Haifa Rotary is to be addressed at 1.15 p.m. today by past President Dr. I. Izkovitch on "The Third Avenue of Rotary."

Swiss-Type Hotel To Open Soon

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A new hotel and restaurant managed in the tradition of a Swiss mountain resort is to be opened between Nazareth and Afula shortly, to which Mr. Fritz Gehring, a Swiss, hopes to attract many pilgrims from European countries.

The restaurant, situated on a terrace overlooking the Jezreel Valley and seating 600, will open shortly. The hotel proper with its 50 beds is due to open in time for the Easter holidays.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• Exhibitions:—
Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh. New rooms: Prehistory and Israelite period. Educational exhibit: How to arrange small local collections. Special exhibit: Finds from excavations in Jerusalem. 9-1, 4-6. (Fridays and eves of holidays 9-1; Saturdays and holidays, 10-1.)

Conquest of the Desert, Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1 4-6. On Friday from 10-1 only, closed on Saturday.

Collective Exhibition of Paintings by Bacon, Gali, Schreter, Sima, Singer, Steinhardt, Silverwork by D.H. Gumbel. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave., 10-1, 3-6.

1) German Expressionist School. Selected Prints. 2) Iranian Ceramics 1300 B.C.—1500 A.D. 3) 20th Century Italian Artists. 4) Lithographs by Honoré Daumier. Exhibit of the Month. Door of an Imamzada (Shi'ite Shrine) Persia, Ispahan, 1320 A.D. (685 A.H.) Benaki, 9-1, 2-5. 1) "The Bible as seen by Israeli Children"; 2) Drawings by Japanese Children; 3) Map of Jerusalem in mosaic by Nomi Henrick. 4) "Maskit" Applied Arts and Crafts. Artists House. 10-1, 3-6.

• Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. Call 4282, 4071.

• Revue: —
Radio's Ice Revue, New Hapoel Hall, Rehov Strauss. Matinee at 3.30. Perf. at 6.30 and 9.30.

• Lectures:—
Yitzhak Shilo, "The Beginnings of Israel Press: Smilansky and Brenner," Beit Ha'am, 8 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner music. Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby. Ed. Air conditioned.

• Exhibitions: —
1) Oil Paintings by Siona Baram and Bela Brisel (Paris). 2) Contemporary Dutch Graphic Art. Mon. 10-1, 4-7.
Pioneers of American Etchings. Y.M.C.A. House, from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

• Lectures:—
Professor Y. Klausner on "The Sinai Campaign and its Aftermath," National Club, 95 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 8.30 p.m.

• Theatre: —
Camerl, "An Everyday Occurrence," Mograbi Hall, 8.
"You Never Can Tell," New Camerl Hall, 8.
Ohel, "3-8," 8.

RISHON LEZION

• Theatre: —
Hahimah, "I Like Mike," 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

• Concert: —
Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra Subscription Concert No. 2. Michel Tauber—Peina Salzman, Beit Ha'arvah — 8 p.m.

BEERSHEVA

• Theatre: —
Ha-Re-Mi, "Fatima Gama," 8. Matinee at 3.30: "Hanit."

Knesset Extends Military Rule In Border 'Security Areas'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bill to extend for a further year the validity of the emergency regulations applying to "security areas" passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday afternoon, with only the Communists opposing. The bill was presented by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen.

There was no discussion, but on the first reading on Monday night, a two-hour debate touched on the question of relations with the Arab minority, and on the status of the Gaza Strip.

An attempt by the first speaker, Mr. Y. Meridor (Herut), to raise the Kafr Kasim issue was quashed by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. H. Ariav, on the grounds that the incident in which Arab villagers were killed during the curfew on the first evening of the Sinai campaign was *sub judice*. Subsequent speakers referred to the issue only indirectly.

Mr. Meridor suggested that the areas now designated as security zones be extended, both in the north and the south in light of the "new security situation which has developed with the Sinai campaign."

Mr. E. Ichilov (General Zionist) called on the Minister of Defence to examine the possibility of reducing the "depth into Israel" of the security zones, while agreeing that the length of these border areas was justified. He claimed that discrimination in favour of Arabs who belong to Mapai was damaging the general relations between the minority and the rest of the population. He called also for absolute non-partisanship on the part of the Military Government.

Education As Citizens

Mr. I. Raphael (Hapoel Hamizrahi) called on the Government to establish a committee to investigate methods of educating the Arab population towards good citizenship. He said the right path in relations with this minority had still not been found. As to Gaza, Mr. Raphael said that it was part of the State of Israel and would remain so.

Criticism of dealings with the Arab population were also voiced by Mr. Moshe Erem (Ahdut Ha'avoda) who charged that Israel's "special attitude" towards this sector was creating insecurity as well as security. By approaching people with suspicion, suspicion is created, he declared. The time has come, he said for showing Israel Arabs that "it is worth while to live in the State of Israel."

Out-and-out abolition of military rule was called for by Mr. Y. Riftin (Mapam) on the grounds that a "ghetto-type" organization resulted from this kind of administration. He said an effort should be made to destroy the "fatal cleavage" between the two sectors of the population.

Mr. G. Schocken (Progressive), while accepting the necessity of the regulations, said that the citizenship rights of the Arab minority must be defended. He urged that the trial of the border policemen believed responsible for the Kafr Kasim incident be held in public.

Knesset members expressed their shock when Mr. Schocken compared this incident with the Soviet oppression in Hungary.

Mr. Meir Argov (Mapai) said that the regulations were the "most liberal possible" in the field of security since any resident was entitled to appeal an expulsion order and alternate housing had to be provided where expulsion is effected. He said that no country had relinquished security areas just as no country relinquished its independence.

Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist), to whom the House listened with silent protest, said that security would be achieved only by a change in the entire Government policy.

Testing Danger Of Adulterated Foods

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Laboratory tests of the adulterated foodstuffs discovered by the police last week in four illicit factories, are expected to be completed in a day or two. The tests will determine to what extent the food was liable to be harmful to the public health.

On the results of these tests, the suspected operators will be charged under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry foodstuffs ordinances.

The Police spokesman explained today that these ordinances are much stricter than the criminal law, which is still rather vague on matters of food adulteration and trade mark forgeries.

A spokesman of the Hamarak factory here, which packs the O.K. soup extracts, stated that the plant has sought legal advice with a view to taking action against persons who had adulterated their product and sold it as the original.

More Finds

Several more stores of adulterated foods were discovered by the police this week. They said a very large number of forged labels for tins of Nescafe, condensed milk and soup extracts were found in the flat of the mother of Herman Hershkovitz, one of the suspects in the case. A block for printing the labels was also found.

The police believe that the operators had managed to put a very large quantity of adulterated foodstuffs on the market during several years of work.

A NEW ELECTRIC generator has been installed in Khan Yunis.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 5.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Walk the Proud Land.
EDEN: Anna Karenina.
EDISON: Moby Dick, 4th week.
ORGIL: "Le Cruseur."
ORION: The Eddy Duchin Story, 2nd week.
ORNA: Bus Stop, 2nd week.
RON: La Provinciale.
STUDIO: Portrait of Jennie.
TEL OR: Flat Top.
ZION HALL: "Les Heros Sont Fatigues."

TEL AVIV

At 3.30 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: 12 Paces to Baker Street.
ARMON DAVID: "Le Dompteur Noir."
CHEN: Autumn Leaves.
EDEN: Torna, 3rd week.
ESTHER: Viva Las Vegas.
HAMERCAZ: Those who Dare, 2nd week.
MIGDALOR: Adam and Evelyn, 3rd week.
MOGRABI: The Big Knife.
OPHIR: "Papa, Maman, ma Femme et Moi," 3rd week.
ORION: The Man with The Golden Arm.
SHEMOTH: The Night is My Kingdom, Matinee: All Baba.
TCHELET: Cockleshell Heroes.
TAMAR: Human Torpedoes.
YARON: We're No Angels, 2nd week.
ZAMIR: "Coeur Ingenu," 12th week.

HAIFA

MAY: Mr. Roberts.
ORION: "L'Etoile De Rio," 2nd week.
ATZMON: Guys and Dolls, 2nd week.
PEER: Young Lovers, 3rd week. Matinee: Hans Christian Andersen.
GAL ON: Tom Tom, 2nd week. Matinee: a) The Avengers, b) Murder Case.
ARMONITHEATRE: Bigger than Life.
ORAH: Both Around the Clock (Hebrew).
RIF: Rock, The Golden Hawk.
ORAN: The Seven Year Itch.
MORIAH: Riders of Vengeance.

20 to Lose Jobs In Ministry Merger

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty of the 40 persons employed in two departments of the Ministry of Interior are to be discharged when the departments are merged, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The two departments are Immigration and Citizenship, and Registration of Inhabitants.

The new department will be directed by Mr. Y.N. Shai, who now heads the Immigration and Citizenship Department.

The head of the Registration of Inhabitants Department, Mr. A. Ehrlich, has been temporarily appointed as Advisor to the Minister of Interior on Registration.

In addition to these 20 persons to be discharged or transferred to other civil service jobs, mergers of the branches lying outside the capital are expected to lead to more dismissals. However, no estimate of the latter can be made until the merger is completed in Jerusalem, the spokesman said.

Hagan Exchanging Lessons with Yatom

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mary Frances Hagan and Genia Yatom, Israel's two most famous women prisoners, are cellmates in Ramle jail, and spend their spare time exchanging Hebrew and English lessons. Hagan, an American, is serving a one-year term for espionage on behalf of Syria, while Yatom, a former member of a kibbutz, is serving a 16-month term for attempted murder by poisoning.

Hagan is employed by the prison authorities in making overalls for other prisoners. At first she had refused to do any work and was sent to solitary confinement. Later, she refused to sew camouflage nets for the Israel army and she was then given her present job.

According to "Yediot Aharonot," she was permitted to receive several Christmas visitors yesterday, including a member of the American Embassy, and a clergyman, who held services with her.

Haifa Industrialists Want Gov't to Finance Industry

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Government would now have to shoulder the main burden for development in industry, for lack of other financial sources, it was argued at the general assembly of the Haifa branch of the Manufacturers Association, last week. Concern was voiced over industry's present difficulties and manufacturers were urged to make every effort to keep up production and develop their plants.

Manufacturers, it was decided, should strive for greater efficiency and productivity to improve quality and reduce prices in order to increase exports.

The assembly supported the resolutions of the central working committee on the attitude to be taken regarding renewal of collective contracts for 1957. Negotiations should start on the dismissal of redundant employees. In no case should wages be raised at this difficult moment.

The assembly pointed out that Government institutions in Haifa were not given sufficient authority. It protested against the plan to remove the Customs and Excise Department from its "natural base" in the port city.

Taxes and Allotments

It was unjust to collect purchase tax in advance from manufacturers and not from customers, the meeting stated. It also asked the Treasury to permit use of credits with one Government department for payment of debts to another department.

The Minister of Posts was asked to install immediately a telephone exchange in Haifa Bay as promised, and to make possible dialling for direct trunk calls from the Bayside Area to Tel Aviv.

The Ministry of Transport was asked to allot necessary vehicles to industry. The meeting asked the Municipality to help develop the industrial area out of development funds, to improve the water supply and sewerage system, to re-open the fire brigade station in the industrial area which was closed two months ago, and to exempt new factory buildings from municipal taxes during five years.

Agriculture Aided In Gaza Strip

Agricultural production in the Gaza Strip is proceeding as usual, Sgan-Aluf Haim Gaon, Military Governor of the Strip, said on Friday. This applied especially to the citrus industry where picking is now at its peak, and production is expected to reach 400,000 boxes, half of which is export quality.

The Citrus Marketing Board has taken up the marketing of the fruit, whose season starts earlier than in other parts of the country, beginning in October and concluding at the end of January.

A special officer, Mr. D. Zacharia of the Ministry of Agriculture, has been appointed by the Governor to help in the development of agriculture in the Strip. Mr. Zacharia told the Press on Friday that the planted area in the Gaza Strip spreads over 150,000 dunams including citrus groves, all of which are privately owned. About 27,000 dunams are covered with vegetables, 12,000 with fruit, and 100,000 with field crops and melons.

On the general progress of agriculture, Mr. Zacharia said that in the past farmers did not receive any training, methods were not very advanced, and planting was done without any planning.

No plans have been laid for the future of agriculture in the Strip, Mr. Zacharia added, but there are possibilities of changes and expansion which would raise the planters' income and expand the amount of labour absorbed.

Jerusalem Tours To Gaza to Take Place

The pool of touring companies who had their buses chartered by the Government Civic Education Services for a trip to Gaza are honouring their contract and furnishing the buses. Earlier the companies had misgivings at supplying the buses in view of the fact that they were being "sublet" to the Jerusalem Municipality for public tours, at a price IL10 lower than the regular tariff.

A group of 80 is leaving this morning and a similar number will participate tomorrow.

A spokesman for the pool, acknowledging the agreement to be in force, said that the Municipality had undertaken to provide passengers for several buses at IL7.500 a head and guaranteed that the passengers would be only Municipal employees and social welfare cases.

The trip ordinarily costs IL17.500 a person, but the pool had its buses chartered at a price which works out at IL10.500 a person. The IL3 deficit per person is being covered equally by the Municipality and the Civic Education Services.

The Municipal budget contains a IL3,000 item earmarked for tours of this sort.

REALI ENGLISH TEACHER FETED

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The 70th birthday of Mr. Meir Dingott, the country's veteran English teacher, was marked by the 150 teachers of the Reali School today.

Mr. Dingott, who was born in Austria, and came here in 1920, started teaching English a year later at the Reali School. He is still there on a part-time basis.

He has instructed a whole generation of English teachers. He introduced a new system of teaching English grammar to *sabras*. His book, "English Grammar for Beginners" has been printed in 15 editions, and has sold

SEGREGATION IN MONTGOMERY ENDED

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — An injunction ending racial segregation on public buses in Montgomery, Alabama, automatically came into effect on Friday with the arrival of a formal notification of a Supreme Court ruling on the matter.

Federal Marshals immediately served writs of injunction on appropriate organizations and individuals prohibiting further enforcement of Alabama state segregation laws and Montgomery city segregation ordinances.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
202, 249, 32.5 & 49.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 6.00 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.57 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down. 11.20 Christmas Broadcast (Protestant). 11.50 Christmas Broadcast (Catholic). 12.00 Music of 61 Nations — The Carolons. (Vocalist) (R). 12.20 Opera — Verdi: Excerpts from "Il Trovatore." 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 Dancing Programme. 4.30 Eduard Vita (Harp). 4.45 "Hebrew Language Corner." 5.05 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Youth Corner. 7.15 We Present Tonight. 7.18 Ron Ami. 7.35 Talk by Shabetai Rosen. 7.50 Cantoral Requests. 8.15 Farmers' Corner. 8.30 Piano Recital by Daniel Barenboim. Perpetual; Two Sonatas, Hindemith: Sonata No. 2. 8.55 Bible Reading: Shmuel 'B' — Chapter 15. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "This is my Secret." 10.00 Daily Hebrew. 10.05 Readings by Yehoshua Bershon. 10.30 Benjamin Frenkel: Violin Concerto, played by Max Rostal, with the Symphony Orchestra of Radio Stockholm, conducted by Hans Schmidt-Isserstedt. 11.10 Light Music. 12.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
467, 480, 258, 49.9 & 32.5 M. English News: 10.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.5, 49.9 & 480 M.): 1.45 Gregor Piatigorsky (Cello). 3.15 Close Down.

5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew for Beginners, Dr. Kamrat. 6.00 Classical Music Requests. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.15 Poetry. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Interval. 9.30 French. 10.30 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.25 News. 6.35 Economic Review. 6.40 Musical Medley. 6.55 Hebrew Programme. 7.05 News in Yiddish.

Programme to U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.40 "Economic Review." 11.45 Musical Medley. 12.00 "The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 255 & 258 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.05 Request Favourites. 6.40 "Musical Key." 7.00 News. 7.10 "Pleasant Tunes." 7.30 20th Anniversary of the I.F.O. 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 The Army Orchestra. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B. B. C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (12.26, 16.86, 16.83, 19.46 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Youth Magazine.

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Malben Wages War On Mental Disease

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Malben hopes to be as successful in the treatment of mental diseases as in the treatment of tuberculosis, Mr. Charles Passman, Director of Malben, said yesterday at a press conference at which he outlined the organisation's plans for 1957-58.

Mr. Passman disclosed the agreement concluded with the Ministry of Health providing for improved treatment of mental patients and increased social service based on the recommendations of Dr. Armand Sunler, psychiatrist from Holland, who had made a five-month study of needs and care of mental patients in Israel. The recommendations include a building programme to be implemented jointly by Malben and the Ministry.

The agreement is also designed to strengthen the effectiveness of the tuberculosis control programme and reduce treatment costs by providing for the transfer to the Ministry of Health of Malben's Be'er Ya'acov Hospital for chest diseases, with its 835 beds and the rehabilitation unit, and the Pardessia unit for aged tuberculars. Malben will make available in its four hospitals beds for chronic diseases.

27,000 Homes To Be Built This Winter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Work on the building of 27,000 housing units is to begin in two months' time, Dr. D. Merant, of the Building Workers Union, told a meeting of the Union's branch secretaries this week. Although there was a slump at present in the industry, he told the secretaries that in two months' time a shortage of skilled building workers might be felt.

Of the housing units, 17,000 are for immigrants, 2,000 for the residents of *ma'barot*, 2,000 in agricultural settlements, 2,000 for the Savings for Home scheme in towns and 1,600 in settlements. Work on the programme will extend over six to eight months.

Mr. A. Fiakser, Secretary of the Union, said that there were now 5,000 unemployed building workers, though the number was continually fluctuating. He said that immigration next year will provide much work.

INFILTRATOR GETS 9 YEARS JAIL

ACRE, Tuesday.—Halil Hasan Uwad, from the Lebanon, was sentenced to nine years imprisonment for armed infiltration into the country in August, by a Military Court here this week.

Uwad, armed with a sten sub-machinegun, had infiltrated into Israel and offered his services to the Israel Security Forces, while at the same time working in the service of one of the Arab countries.

SUPREME COURT QUASHES SENTENCE

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The sentence of six years in prison, passed two months ago on Musa Abu-Jaber of the Abu-Abdun Beduin tribe for hiding infiltrators, has been quashed by the Supreme Military Court and the case ordered re-tried before a different tribunal.

The attorney, Mr. H. Kaza, told the Court there were incongruities in the testimonies of two Egyptian marauders who claimed that they had received Israel periodicals from the accused.

Atoms in Agriculture

The use of atomic energy in agriculture was studied in an international conference recently organized by the F.O.A. in Wegeningen, Holland. Israel was one of the few non-European countries participating in the 17-nation conference.

The Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said on Monday that the conference discussed the use of isotopes in research as well as the changes in plant genes resulting from radiation. It also dwelt on the question of preserving food for long periods with the help of isotopic radiation.

Though most of the subjects tackled are still in their experimental stage, the conference predicted an accelerated use of nuclear power in agriculture.

Dr. Y. Peleg, head of the Agricultural Research Station, who represented Israel at the conference, was Chairman at its opening session.

1 in 10 Factory Hands Working for Export

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Histadrut-sponsored Division of Industrial Workers, whose board held its first meeting yesterday, will endeavour to foster exports, according to its director, Mr. Yeruham Meshel. Fewer than 10,000 out of the 100,000 workers engaged in industrial production are working for export, he explained.

The new division would include but not succeed the present trade unions and it would try to reach a basic agreement with industrialists to cover all branches.

Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, told the board that industrial workers had achieved quite a high standard of living, and that they should exert their energies at present to assure the stability of the economy.

'Imre' Joins Technion Five Days After Swimming to Freedom

HAIFA, Tuesday.—A 20-year-old student, who applied for admission to the Technion five days after he swam out of Hungary, will continue his studies without a break, it was announced today.

He was studying at one of Hungary's technical universities at the time of his escape and has now been enrolled in the Technion's Department of Aeronautical Engineering.

He asked that his name be not published since his mother is still in Budapest.

Imre, as he has been nicknamed by the Technion staff, left Budapest on his motorcycle, reached the border and — under cover of night — swam across a canal into Austria. Five days later, his clothes barely dry from the adventure, he walked up the front steps of the Technion and asked to register. "I didn't want to lose a single day of my studies," he explained.

Hungarian Youth Welcome

Though his knowledge of Hebrew is still inadequate, he was given a special entrance examination in mathematics and physics with questions in Hungarian. He passed with flying colours, and is to receive a grant from the Technion.

Imre declared that there were scores of Jewish students in Hungary who would quickly make their way to Israel if they heard they could at once enter the Technion or the Hebrew University. "Don't use my name, but find every way you can to spread the word that Hungarian Jewish youth will find a warm welcome here," he asked.

He said he had been a member of an underground Zionist youth movement in Budapest which was dissolved in 1948.

The Show Must Go On

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — A 19-year-old girl fire eater whose career was threatened by petrol rationing was relieved Saturday when she received enough petrol coupons to continue her act.

"If I mix my petrol ration with paraffin I can just about make it last," Miss Priscilla Birt, better known as "Zahrat," said. "I use about a cupful of petrol for each performance," she stated.

PILOT SAVES CRAFT IN MID-AIR CRASH

BOMBAY, Tuesday (Reuter). — A Pakistan International Airlines plane with 38 passengers aboard today collided in mid-air with a small training plane but managed to land safely with no casualties. The pilot and one passenger of the training plane were killed.

The collision occurred about 200 metres above Santa Cruz airport near here as the passenger plane was coming in to land. Thanks to the presence of mind of the pilot of the larger craft in manoeuvring his plane for the landing, the passengers did not even learn of their close brush with death till they were on the ground.

$25,000 FOR IDEAS IN ALUMINUM

An annual prize of $25,000 has been announced by the Reynolds metal works in the U.S. to perpetuate the name of its founder, R.S. Reynolds. The prize will be conferred on an architect anywhere in the world who makes an outstanding contribution to the use of aluminium either in building or decoration.

Those interested should apply direct to the Reynolds Corporation in Richmond, Virginia.

X'MAS CONCESSION

NICOSIA, Tuesday (Reuter). — The nightly curfew on Cypriot women under the age of 27 has been lifted as a Christmas concession, but it remains in force for Cypriot men of the same age group.

SEA. — The U.N. Legal Committee has voted to call a world diplomatic conference to examine the law of the sea.

Film Scripts to Require Censor's Prior Approval

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Local film companies will have to present their shooting scripts to the Film Censorship Board for approval before shooting, according to a proposed amendment to the law governing the showing of films, the Ministry of Interior spokesman stated yesterday.

This should save local companies much time and money since they will know what parts of the finished film are likely to be deleted by the Board, it was said.

Another amendment proposes that all movies shot here, by foreign or local companies, even if not shown in the country, be subject to censorship.

In addition, matters concerning action against cinema owners who cut films without permission will be defined.

NO SUGAR FROM POLAND

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has agreed to release Poland from her contract to deliver 200,000 tons of sugar in the current year, the Polish news agency, PAP, has reported.

The agency said that, as a result of bad weather, this year's sugar crop proved smaller than planned.

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4 % Reg. Sterling "A"	77
Pal. Elec. prof. sh. (L5)	3000
6% Bonds 57/63 (?)	3000
ditto (?)	3000
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Deb. 55/65 (?)	900
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Igrosh Ltd. 6½ %	
Deb. 55/65 (?)	900
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Gasit ord. sh. "B" reg.	245
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Gen. Mortg. Bk., ord. sh.	70
Elscint 6% debs. 55/65	75
Elite 6% pref. sh.	775
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"Iron" 5% debs.	85
Afr. Pal Inv. ord. sh.	800
I.I.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	815
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6-8% con. debs.	81
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Meller-Dan ord. sh. reg.	700
Pal.-Rom-Bey 5% con. debs.	677
Assia Bajarano "B" sh.	900
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Tiberias	89	12	20	17
Haifa Port	86	11	16	14
Natanya	85	11	19	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	80	9	20	16
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Beersheba	97	6	19	13
Sdom	94	15	20	20
Eilat	91	15	20	21

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Twenty-five newcomers from Turkey (by El Al).

Dr. Ra'anan Weitz, head of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, from a U.J.A. mission in the U.S.

A 12-MEMBER board, representing four organizations of persons of Russian origin, was set up this week on the initiative of the Jewish Agency, with the aim of assisting the absorption of immigrants from the Soviet Union.

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RATES of dyeing and finishing textiles have been raised by 13 to 20 per cent following the findings of a public committee appointed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to examine the industry's demand for higher rates.

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A NINE-BED ward for post-polio patients was formally inaugurated yesterday on the new premises of the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at Hadassah's Ein Hospital. Head of the Department is Professor Emil Adler.

Food Parcel Fraud Case Opens in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The prosecution in the "Braunstein case" intends to prove that the eight accused sold food parcels on the black market and transferred the money they made abroad to buy more food, Mrs. M. Ben-Porath, Deputy District Attorney, told the District Court today.

She was stating the prosecution's case against Ya'acov Braunstein, Leopold Friedman, Shmuel Pinkas, Zisha Schindler, Yosef Sindarowski and Yoel Forster, as well as against the Paloff and Tel Arza companies.

"Standard gift parcels" should be assembled in this country out of foodstuffs acquired by a "mother company" abroad, Mrs. Ben-Porath said. The "mother company" sells certificates to persons who wish to send a parcel to an Israeli, and the profit it makes is paid in Israel pounds to the subsidiary company which handles the distribution here. In the case of the accused, however, Mrs. Ben-Porath said, there was no "mother company" abroad.

The financing of the deal was carried out by Ya'akov Braunstein, who received loans from the Japhet Bank. When the food was sold on the black market, the loan was repaid to the bank, which entered the money in dollars and the funds were later diverted abroad under various schemes to buy more supplies.

The names of the donors and recipients of the parcels, which figured in companies' registers, were fictitious, the prosecution claims.

All the accused pleaded not guilty. The case was adjourned until January 16.

RATION NEWS

Meat for invalids, 500 grams, coupon Het Nun/24. In the Jerusalem district, the ration will be given only on Medical Association coupon dated December 29.

Meat distribution in Beersheba, Ashkelon, Ramle, Lydda, Rishon leZion, Ra'anana, Herzlia, Emek Hefer, Hadar Hasharon and the Kfar Ono ma'abara. The ration is 150 grams on coupon no. 347, temp. 212, at 750 pruta a kg.

Fish 250 grams a person on coupon 248, temp. 282, at 550 pruta a kg.

From January 1, the postal address of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Jerusalem will be P.O.B. 280.

Reservists' Rights Assured by House

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed the first reading of two private member's bills dealing with matters of general interest. Both bills were referred to the Law Committee without opposition.

The Time Extension Law, presented by Mr. Ezra Ichilov (General Zionist) is designed to protect the rights of soldiers and reservists who were unable to fulfil certain legal or contractual obligations owing to their being on active duty.

With reference to obligations not involving the courts, the soldier is given an additional 15 days after his release from active duty, if he was on active duty on the date when he was to have done a particular act under law or contract.

As far as obligations involving the courts are concerned, the Minister of Justice is authorized to issue the necessary regulations.

"The Last Word"

The private member's bill presented by Mr. Hanan Rubin (Mapam) is entitled An Amendment to the Criminal Law Procedure (Summation of Arguments). It provides that, in District Court criminal trials, the last word be given to the accused both before the verdict and before the sentence. This is now standard procedure only in the Magistrates Courts.

Identity Cards

The bill requiring all males from 16 years and over to carry an identity card passed its final reading with only the Communists opposing.

Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist) said that if there was such a requirement then it was only logical that identity cards be issued within a specific period. But in many cases, particularly in Arab villages, applications for identity cards by youths of 15, 16 and 17 were often held up weeks and months, he claimed. This often resulted in their arrest or in loss of employment.

In reply, the chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee, Mr. Ya'acov Riftin (Mapam), said that the Minister of Interior had promised the committee that identity cards would be issued at maximum speed and that complaints would be given quick attention. Boys approaching 16 could apply for identity cards even before their 16th birthday, he pointed out.

Anti-Venereal Disease Bill To Be Presented to Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Minister of Health, Mr. Israel Barzilai, yesterday said he hoped he would be able to present to the Knesset in the very near future a Bill to Control Venereal Disease. The Bill is now in the final stage of drafting, he stated. Mr. Barzilai was replying to the debate on his review last month of the country's health services.

The draft bill provides for treatment at the expense of the State, and it requires a routine blood test for immigrants, tourists, women in early pregnancy, couples about to marry, blood-doners, and for certain categories of workers, such as food-handlers, medical workers, and children's nurses.

Mr. Barzilai revealed that the number of cases of venereal disease dropped from 1,077 in 1953 to 996 in 1955, despite the great increase in population.

Health Insurance

Turning to the question of national health insurance, Mr. Barzilai reiterated that the Government's aim was to achieve general national insurance against disease. But he added that this aim would not be realised by the automatic nationalization of existing health services.

The Minister ridiculed what he characterised as the wild statements made by some speakers in the debate that the nationalization of health services would save millions of pounds now wasted. On the contrary, he said, it would require the investment of considerable sums and would not "put an end to duplication."

He pointed out that the country's health institutions now receive over IL30m. a year from organizations and individuals abroad. This amount was about two-thirds of the Health Ministry's budget. He wondered whether proponents of nationalization had considered whether this would not lead to a substantial reduction in contributions from abroad.

Mr. Barzilai concluded by saying that, at a recent meeting between the Minister of Labour, the Director of the National Insurance Institute and himself it had been decided to appoint a committee to study the needs and the possibilities of general health insurance, in accordance with the present coalition's Basic Principles.

No vote followed Mr. Barzilai's reply, but Deputy Speaker I. Yeshayahu said it was "obvious" that the Knesset had "heard and accepted" Mr. Barzilai's statement and reply.

The bill extending the validity of regulations authorising settlements to impose guard duty on residents passed its final reading without opposition.

B.G. Expected to Insist On Coalition Unity on Tax Issue

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion will insist that Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda Knesset members approve the income tax amendments on the second and third readings and live up to the Coalition agreement. This was the consensus in the Knesset last night.

The rift in the Coalition caused by the abstention of Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda from the voting on Monday afternoon should be mended by next Sunday, it was felt.

While conceding that the present issue might be of minor importance, it was expected that the Prime Minister would urge that the Finance Ministry had already compromised in formulation of the bill. It was now the turn of Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda to do the same.

Members of Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda yesterday did not appear concerned over the consequences of their breach of Coalition discipline. They claimed to be surprised that this minor issue should have caused a stir.

None of the four Cabinet Ministers of these two parties were present when the income tax vote was taken.

It was not believed that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion would precipitate a crisis over the present issue, although he required all parties to agree to collective responsibility when the Coalition was formed. On the other hand, it was recalled that once before a Government coalition dissolved in a similar situation. In the summer of 1955, a few weeks before the election of the Third Knesset members — including the Ministers — abstained from a vote on a Government motion. This was regarded as a breach of the Coalition agreement and Mr. Moshe Sharett, then Prime Minister, formed another Government without the General Zionists.

District Judge To Try 11 Policemen

RAMLE, Tuesday. — The 11 frontier policemen accused of the Kafr Kasim killings will be tried before a military court in an army camp.

A civilian District Court judge will probably be called up to the Reserves to preside over the trial, commencing in January.

Six of the accused have applied to the Judge Advocate-General to appoint counsel for them. The lawyers concerned will also be called to the Reserves.

Amendment To Rent Law Passed

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Without opposition, and after a number of minority amendments were defeated, the Knesset yesterday passed the final reading of "Amendment No. 3" to the Tenants' Protection Law. The bill passed its first reading last May.

The following are its main provisions:

- After April, 1, 1957, rent increases granted to landlords will be effective only from the date the claim for higher rent was submitted. Where there are extenuating circumstances, the Rent Tribunal may order the increase to take effect at an earlier date, but in no event more than a year earlier than the date of submission.
- The increases which apply to absentee property, managed by the Development Authority, are to be considered as maximum increases only. Rent tribunals will thus be able to use their discretion in fixing the rent of such flats and be guided by rents prevailing for similar flats in the same neighbourhood.
- The rent for flats which were not rented in 1940 shall be fixed on the basis of rents prevailing for similar flats in the same neighbourhood in 1940.
- With regard to business premises which do not fit into any of the categories set up in the original law, such as cinemas, the amendment authorizes the District Court, on appeal, to review the facts of the case.

Explaining the changes in the bill which had been made in the law committee, Mr. N. Nir, the chairman, said that landlords will now be responsible for the cleaning of the courtyard, the garden, the entrance and the stairs.

On the other hand, the committee inserted a new clause providing that the expenses of cleaning the cesspit shall be divided equally between landlord and tenants, instead of being paid entirely by the landlord.

Ministers' Pension Bill Passes First Reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Ministers' Pension Bill passed its first reading in the Knesset last night with only the Communists opposing.

The bill provides for pensions to former Ministers and their beneficiaries up to a maximum of 70 per cent of the current ministerial salary. The minimum period of service for pension eligibility is one year.

The pension will be 20 per cent of a Minister's salary for from one to three years of service; 35 per cent for three to five years, and seven per cent for each additional year.

Pensions will be retroactive to May 15, 1948. A Minister who served as a member of the Executive of the Va'ad Leumi or the World Zionist Organization will get credit for four-fifths of such service.

The debate was cheerful and mild with parliamentary pleasantries cutting across party lines.

Dr. M. Nurock (Mizrahi) objected to the inclusion among the beneficiaries of a former Minister of "a woman known as his wife." This was a "desecration of the honour of Government Ministers," he said.

Mr. Haim Arlav (General Zionists) hoped the Knesset would soon turn its attention to a similar law for Knesset Members. Mr. A. Altman (Herut) objected to the inclusion of Va'ad Leumi and W.Z.O. membership for purposes of the pension, declaring that it was not fair to exclude other bodies which operated at that time.

Insults to Druse Pupils Probed

Investigation has been opened by the Ministry of Education and Culture into alleged insults of Druse pupils and remarks against the State by Arab teachers in Kafr Yasaif and Nazareth during the Sinai campaign, a Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The teachers allegedly told their Druse pupils that they would soon be "judged" for their loyalty to the State of Israel and that with the "destruction of the State of Israel, will come the end of the traitorous Druse."

Remanded 15 Days For Murdering Wife

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Salim Shlomo, of Amishav ma'bara was today remanded in custody for 15 days on a charge of killing his wife at their home on Sunday.

Bill on Interest Under Study

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If an "unlawful" interest deal is discovered, both borrower and lender will be liable under the law, the Knesset Finance Committee decided yesterday in studying the proposed interest law. It is understood that the Committee will end its discussion on the bill next week.

The Committee also began studying the proposed IL360m. 1957-58 Budget. Mr. Z. Sharef, the Director of State Revenue, described the programme and problems of revenue last year. He thought that the specified sums are not over-optimistic, and cited the revenue in the first eight months of this year as an example.

Until the end of November, IL160m. of the estimated IL180m. in income taxes for the whole year were collected. This is what was expected. Next year, the Finance Ministry hopes to collect IL190m.

Customs duties, estimated at IL70m. this year and IL80m. next year have also been satisfactory. By the end of November approximately IL65m. was collected. It is hoped that collections will reach IL80m. by the end of this year.

French Sailors touring Nazareth yesterday are shown being assisted in overcoming the language barrier by an Irish priest, a pilgrim like themselves.

French Sailors Came from Egypt

By CHRIS ELIOU

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — A group of French sailors who had served in Egypt spent Christmas Day today in Nazareth and visited the holy sites.

Their dark blue uniforms and berets with red pompons attracted a crowd of children who followed them. The sailors joked with the children and talked excitedly to the Arab guides who showed them around the city. Speaking to inquiring local Arabs, they openly stated that they came from Egypt.

Christmas midnight mass was said at the Church of St. Joseph here on the traditional site of the home of Mary and Joseph.

Nearly 2,000 worshippers packed the church for the mass conducted by the Reverend Father Peter Eichelberger. The sound of bells from the city's Catholic churches accompanied the hymn of *Adestes Fideles*, sung by the six and seven year old group of 24 choirboys.

Nazareth District Superintendent of Police Segev and his 30-man force stood by to maintain order among the crowds pressing to enter the church at the beginning of the services. Christian worshippers were permitted to enter first. Later, all others were allowed in.

The midnight service was attended by the Argentine Ambassador, Dr. G. Topolevsky; the Northern District Representative; the Greek Orthodox Mayor of Nazareth, Mr. Amin Jarjura; the Military Governor of Nazareth; members of the diplomatic corps, the U.N. staff and the Military Governor's staff.

Also present were many local and foreign correspondents who were unable to cross the lines to go to Bethlehem. Miss Mary Catherine Bateson, daughter of anthropologist Margaret Mead, who was turned back by Jordan police at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem yesterday, attended the Nazareth service.

Dr. T. Schoumberdis, head of the French Hospital in Nazareth, told *The Jerusalem Post* that four children were born about midnight and one of the babies was named Miladeh (Christine).

SYRIANS

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coffee cups and saucers.

Another man, upon being informed that he would have to pay IL8,800 duty on a bottle of arak worth about IL2 in Israel, decided to bring the liquor into the country in a non-taxable form and leave the empty bottle behind.

He succeeded, though he navigated somewhat uncertainly through the customs tent.

Special arrangements were made for the blind and crippled, as well as for monks and nuns who were permitted to enter the country through Rehov Shmuel Hanavi, the usual entrance, and not through the special station set up in Rehov Shivtei Yisrael.

Business was still poor and hotels empty in the Old City despite the handful of pilgrims and foreign tourists who participated in this year's Christmas celebrations, "El Jihad," the Old City daily, complained yesterday.

"A-Diffa" reported that no more than 150 such visitors arrived, apart from 300 members of diplomatic missions in Israel, Syria and Lebanon, as well as Israel Christians. It added that bazaars were empty and souvenir shops and tourist guides had no business.

Usually, the number of foreign visitors at this time reaches several thousand, a fact which vitally contributed to the economic welfare of Bethlehem. This year the crisis remained unrelieved, "A-Diffa" added.

Rev. Hull Warns Of U.N. Inactivity

The United Nations will be "morally bankrupt" if it fails to take action against Egypt, Rev. William L. Hull, director of the Zion Christian Mission in Jerusalem, said in a Christmas Day message over Kol Yisrael yesterday afternoon.

Speaking of man's hope for peace on Christmas Day, Rev. Hull discussed Israel's position in the world. "A world in which Israel cannot exist is a world in which peace cannot survive," he stated.

Rev. Hull reviewed the struggles of Israel for peace and security. He criticised the U.N. for inactivity in the face of the Arab attacks in 1948. He ascribed the Sinai action by Israel to the indifference of the world organization to the continuing murderous attacks by the forces of Egypt and other Arab states.

While Israel has been ordered by the U.N. to withdraw, no demands have been made upon Egypt, Rev. Hull noted, even though Egypt asserts "that she will never make peace with Israel" and continues "her intransigent and warlike ways."

Rev. Hull continued: "If Egyptian troops are permitted by the U.N. Emergency Force to re-establish themselves in Sinai; if Egypt is permitted to continue to say who shall and who shall not use the Suez Canal; if Egypt is allowed to continue in a state of war with Israel and to retain her membership, the United Nations will prove to have been a failure politically and morally as far as the aims of its charter are concerned."

Support for Israel In Scandinavia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A deep fund of friendship for Israel — based on a strong feeling for the Bible — exists among the Scandinavian peoples, Dr. Haim Wardi, Counsellor on Christian Affairs in the Ministry of Religious Affairs told *The Jerusalem Post* this week following his return from a two-month trip to Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

He said this friendship could be cultivated principally on a religious level.

As a guest of the Carmel Bible Society of Oslo, a Protestant group which sees the establishment of the State of Israel as a fulfilment of Biblical prophecies, Dr. Wardi spoke before 8,000 persons in 30 cities and met with high church officials and members of theological faculties.

At a time when official Scandinavian Government spokesmen were denouncing "Israel aggression" in Sinai, the church groups to whom he spoke prayed for the victory of the Israel Defence Forces.

Armenian Vicar Thanks Gov't

Following his visit to the Gaza Strip a fortnight ago, Father Papken Abadjan, senior Vicar of the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem, sent a letter to the Christian Communities Department of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, appreciating the help given him during his visit to the Gaza Strip, whose Armenian inhabitants were completely out of contact with their Church since 1948.

He expresses satisfaction at finding the Armenian community "in good health and in the best of conditions," adding that his visit to the Military Governor "left in me a very good impression and I am sure that the city will benefit very much under the administration of such a capable and wise Governor."

Eilat Oil-Pipe To Be Ready March 3—Job Proceeds Apace

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Eilat-Beersheba oil pipeline will be completed by March 3, it is learned from reliable sources.

The line, as originally planned, was 240 kms. long, but it has now been shortened to 224 kms. by choosing a more direct route.

About 95 kms. have already been excavated and 40 kms. of steel pipe have been spread along the channel. Welding of the pipe sections began yesterday.

The channel is being dug simultaneously from three points along the route. The work is being done by excavators and drillers with pneumatic drills where there is rock. It is estimated that 25 per cent of the channel is on rock.

A proposal to extend the line to the Mediterranean at Ashdod Yam will be decided upon by the Government within a month, it was learned. The additional cost will be IL5m. It will make possible the transport of oil by tanker, on the last lap from Ashdod Yam to Haifa, rather than by train from Beersheba. Mekorot officials have revealed that Tahal engineers have already begun to survey the Beersheba-Ashdod Yam stretch.

3 Storage Tanks

At Eilat, the ground is being prepared for the three storage tanks to be erected there. Finishing touches are now being given to the plans for the outfall pipe to be constructed off-shore at Eilat. Also in preparation are several boosting pump stations to be built along the line. The smaller installations at the Beersheba end will be erected when the line is completed.

The steel pipe factory at Sarafand is now producing steel pipes at the rate of three to four kms. a day. It has sufficient stocks of steel plate for the entire line.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Mekorot has agreed — under pressure from the Histadrut — to employ Jewish as well as Druse watchmen on the pipeline project.

The company had originally intended to use only Druse, for reasons of economy and efficiency, while the Histadrut demanded that the watchmen be recruited from the ranks of the Beersheba unemployed and went as far as to threaten a strike.

A compromise was finally agreed upon, and the positions are to be divided between Jewish and Druse watchmen.

Arkia Extending Eilat Service

Arkia inland airlines will run an additional return flight daily to Eilat from Lydda Airport, beginning on January 1.

At present, Arkia has a twice daily return service. The company notes that the extension follows a great increase in traffic to Israel's southern port after the freeing of the Tiran Straits. Arkia will have to acquire more planes to carry out the extra schedule.

King David Hotel To Reopen in Spring

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The King David Hotel is scheduled to reopen this spring, possibly in association with the Dan Hotel, it is learned.

At a recent meeting in Paris of the Board of Directors, it was decided to grant two members of the local Board, Mr. Mark Jaffee and Mr. Asher Levitsky, full authority to negotiate with the Dan Hotel group on opening the hotel.

It is understood that negotiations with this group are proceeding satisfactorily and should be concluded soon.

However, if they fail through, the Board of Directors is making plans to open the King David independently in the hope that the tourist season will pick up sharply this spring and summer.

Bromine Plant Begins Work

By H. BEN-ADI

SDOM, Tuesday. — By the simple act of turning a wheel, Dr. Jacob Picker, director of the bromine plant here, started production of bromine in the new plant at 12.45 p.m. today. The plant has a capacity of 1,000 tons a year. Dr. Picker told the Press that in about three to four months two smaller plants will be added which will bring production to over 2,000 tons per year.

The possibilities of producing bromine from the Dead Sea are unlimited and depend only on investment, Dr. Picker said. The world production of bromine amounts to 120,000 tons annually, of which 100,000 are produced in the U.S. Production and demand have tripled since World War II, and prices on the world market fluctuate between $480 and $520 per ton, export prospects from Israel being very good.

Most of the bromine produced is used to make etilan dibromide, which is added to benzine to increase its octane content; about 10 per cent is used in pest killers and 8 per cent in pharmaceutical products.

Mr. Yehuda Almogi, Chairman of th Local Council of Tamar, cut the ribbon and congratulated Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Rachovitsky, who started work on the bromine factory in Kalia 25 years ago and had a big share in planning the new plant.

At present the factory employs about 90 workers, most of them from Dimona and Kfar Yeruham, who are provided with air-conditioned housing quarters. The total cost of the plants, which are owned jointly by the Ministry of Development and the Dead Sea Works, will be IL2,400,000, of which 60 per cent will be in foreign currency. A total of IL1.9m. has already been invested.

Water to Jerusalem Promised for Today

All quarters of Jerusalem should have water by this morning, the Jerusalem Municipality Engineering Department announced yesterday.

Water began flowing to the capital yesterday morning following the repair of the line near Kfar Uria in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Many quarters of Jerusalem were without water yesterday despite the fact that the stoppage was very brief and the weather fairly cold.

Naphtha Stepping Up Oil Drillings

By SHALOM COHEN

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — While most foreign oil companies have stopped drilling, Naphtha, a local prospecting company, is stepping up its operations. To push ahead with drilling and not wait to complete surveys of its concessions, the company has entered into "farm out" contracts for drilling on concessions of foreign companies not being exploited but already surveyed.

In addition to Revaha 1 now being drilled on the Beit Govrin concession of Pan Israel-Israel Mediterranean, Naphtha is soon to start new deep holes at Ein Gedi and near Ashkelon. At Revaha 1, 10 kilometres from the Heletz oil field, the bit has now reached a depth of 320 metres. The site at Ashkelon will be located 12 kilometres from the Heletz field, but the geological structures of the two sites are considered to be different.

The "farm out" contract for the Revaha hole grants Naphtha and the licencees an equal share in the proceeds should oil be struck. Meanwhile, the entire cost of the drilling is being borne by the local company. If oil is struck, its costs will be returned to it by the licencee. The outlay for any additional drillings in the same concession will be shared by both companies as will any resulting profit.

In its agreement to drill at Ein Gedi with the Israel-American company, Naphtha is to match the investment made by the licencee in various surveys of the concession. Here also the proceeds will be shared equally.

The drilling at Ashkelon will be carried out jointly with Lapidot-Israel Oil Prospectors with any resulting profits to be split three ways. Naphtha plans to complete surveys of its own concession in the Mivtahim district in the northwest Negev in about six weeks, and will then locate a drilling site.

The company has sufficient funds available for its operations, a spokesman said today. In addition to a quarter of its authorized capital of IL12m. paid up by the various partners at the company's inception, a second instalment of one-quarter is to be paid next month.

11 Hula Villages Drink Bad Water

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Residents of 11 settlements in the Hula Valley are drinking polluted water, a report of the Hygiene Department has disclosed.

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IN the middle of a war no general will reveal either his strength of his weakness to the enemy, and in the middle of the present excruciating political struggle no realistic statesman like Mr. Ben-Gurion will allow himself to be provoked into giving away his precise objective; least of all by Mr. Begin's insinuations of lack of patriotism.

THOUGHTLESS IN GAZA

Mr. Ben-Gurion during the past eight years often declared that he sought only peace with the neighbouring countries. The war with Egypt was fought, not for territory, but for the enforcement of border quiet and of Israel's rights in certain other respects. The political war now is being carried on for the same ultimate aim. It is not up to Israel alone to decide what conditions are needful in Sinai to ensure the peace for which our army has fought: these will depend mainly on whether Egypt can be made to realize that she now needs peace no less than Israel does. Mr. Ben-Gurion's policy is not as nebulous as it may seem, for he will not accept less than peace for every frontier settlement in the country, an achievement for which the Sinai campaign would have been well fought.

In considering the future of Gaza, an integral part not only of historic Jewish past, but also of the Palestine of the Balfour Declaration, and never a part of Egypt, even during the years of Egyptian occupation recently, there is more than geography that must be weighed. Israel has said that she cannot alone solve the refugee problem created by the Arab assault of 1948. She cannot alone solve the problem of the 200,000 refugees who were herded into camps like cattle at Rafah by the Egyptians, even if she has taken over control of the area. Here, again, the future must be compounded of stringent planning for present security — in which the refugees would constitute a doubtful advantage — and long-term economic and strategic considerations, including the establishment of rational and defensible borders with Egypt, which certainly could not lie along the Gaza Strip.

These are problems that cannot be solved by brief bouts of demagogy in the Knesset, nor on grounds of sentiment alone. Mr. Begin is himself surely enough of a politician to be aware of this.

THE 20th anniversary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which is being celebrated by a special concert in Jerusalem this evening, is yet one more example of the rapid bringing together of vision and fulfilment which symbolizes the emergence of a State of Israel in our time.

THE I.P.O. BIRTHDAY

Twenty years ago no one would have foreseen that the idea of Bronislaw Huberman would in truth flower into one of the great symphony orchestras of the day, which last year carried the laurels of Israel excellence in musical execution proudly through the cultural capitals of the world.

That it did so is due to a complex of causes, all of them reflecting directly the spirit which became Israel. It is thus no coincidence that the Orchestra began its career at a time when the Yishuv was to enter into the first phase of its most critical struggle for existence; for 1938 was the year of a concerted Arab assault against the whole concept of the Jewish National Home, an assault that took the form of savage and unremitting murder and violence. In the same way, the foundation stone of the Hebrew University was laid to the sound of guns in 1917, and this institution only became the more firmly established.

Nor is it a coincidence that when political prospects look bleakest there have always been found those who were ready to back their faith in such cultural projects by their tangible support. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra owes not a little, for example, to the aid given it at its birth by Mr. and Mrs. Israel Sieff, who today can take pride in the growth to full maturity of yet one more great cultural project which they had the vision to know would survive and prosper.

ILO Lending 6 Experts

The International Labour Organization has allocated $56,000 for technical assistance work in Israel in 1957, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday.

Six foreign experts are to be sent to Israel, four of them efficiency experts, while the other two will teach latest methods of offset printing and metal precision work.

Four Israelis are to go abroad for advanced studies under the same grant.

NATO Draws Up Balance Sheet

Financial Difficulties Hamper Military Planning

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

LONDON (OFNS)

NOW that the 15 Foreign Ministers concerned have returned to their various capitals, it is possible to draw up a rough balance sheet of what the crucial meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Paris really achieved. Briefly, it can be considered a success in its political aspects, but to have left a great many loose ends untied on the future of Nato's finance and military planning.

The most valuable political achievement of the meeting was to provide a forum in which the British and French Foreign Ministers could once again meet with the U.S. Secretary of State without too much embarrassment. It was obviously for this purpose that Mr. Dulles, the risk of his health decided to come to Paris.

It can hardly be said that his relations with his British and French colleagues were very cordial, but there is nothing new in this. What was important was that Mr. Dulles did sufficient authority to shift American policy off its negative dead centre towards the aftermath of the Anglo-French intervention in Suez, in particular towards the clearance of the Canal.

The Nato Council also adopted the report of the "Three Wise Men" (the Foreign Ministers of Canada, Italy and Norway) which had been drawn up under the chairmanship of M. Lester Pearson and which, in addition to making several useful procedural suggestions for the better functioning of political consultation within Nato, also contains a criterion for consultation in advance of action by any Nato country which would make a repetition of the Anglo-French unilateral action over Suez morally impossible.

Power for Spaak

Finally, they elected a new Secretary-General, the cheerful and vigorous M. Spaak of Belgium, who armed with enhanced authority which the "Wise Men's" report gives to him, has the opportunity to make of that office much more than his predecessor was able to.

The annual December meeting of the North Atlantic Council is not primarily intended to deal with military and financial questions, but it did emphasize certain disquieting trends which it was unable to resolve. One was the future of Nato's financing: over the past six years a procedure known as the Annual Review has been established by which member-Governments tell Nato of their projected defence expenditure for the coming calendar year, and of their estimated expenditure for two years beyond that.

It is a procedure which has worked well enough in the past. This year, however, several member-Governments, including the United Kingdom, have their future defence planning in such a state of flux, owing largely to the unforeseeable costs of the new weapons they are developing, and the impact that these will have upon the organization of their conventional forces, that the arithmetical calculation has proved too much for them. In consequence, Nato's long-term planning necessarily suffers.

The other difficulty that came acutely to the fore last week was the decision of almost every nation, including both the United Kingdom and the United States, to reduce the amount of armed manpower which it now has committed to Nato. In the case of the U.S. this desire was not expressed openly, but took the form of a rather specious offer on the part of Mr. Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defence, to provide its Nato allies with the machinery and technical knowledge to produce their own guided weapons.

On paper this constitutes a great advance, but in fact it is a retreat, since American officials have made clear in the past, both in Paris and Washington, that this was the *quid pro quo* for a reduction (though not total withdrawal) of American forces in Europe.

Britain Retreats

The U.K. Ministers were much more candid. The economic crisis produced by the blocking of the Suez Canal has intensified a firm intent to reduce the size of Britain's commitment of four divisions plus a tactical air force in Germany, unless Germany would increase the level of her support for these troops.

Committed by the Paris agreements to four divisions and under severe pressure from the smaller Nato countries not to use the escape clauses it provides to reduce this commitment, the British Government has decided for the time being to reduce the size of its divisions from 18,000 to the new American model of 10,000 men, thus saving over 30,000 men, and probably some £60 m.

There is an element of bargaining in this decision, for if in the forthcoming bilateral negotiations with Germany, the German Government shows itself ready to increase the amount of money it is prepared to use to support the British troops from about £34 m. to £70 m., then the British decision to reduce the size of its divisions might be reversed.

What is deeply frustrating to the military planners at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE) is that they are once again being asked to undertake a reappraisal of Nato force levels because the member-Governments cannot sustain them economically, without their being given the authority to think through a fundamental reappraisal of the whole of Nato's strategy from the ground up.

If, for instance, as Washington is now announcing with divided voices, the idea is to disengage Nato forces from Germany in return for a Soviet withdrawal from the satellites, then the whole of the Nato "forward strategy" has got to be revised in favour of some form of Anglo-American mobile reserve based in France, Spain and Britain, which, in turn, involves enormous problems of reorganization. But until the political directive has been clarified, and until Governments can make clear whether their motives are military, political or economic, the soldiers are hamstrung.

Historic Picture shows Bronislaw Huberman, the Orchestra's founding father and moving spirit, with Maestro Arturo Toscanini, who volunteered to come to this country in order to conduct the Orchestra's opening concert 20 years ago today. The picture was taken at the final rehearsal in the daytime as Toscanini had banned the use of flashbulbs.

IPO Embarks on Next Twenty Years

By YOHANAN BOEHM

TWENTY years ago today, Maestro Toscanini raised his baton to start the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra on its way to providing hitherto unknown riches in symphonic music to the ever-growing population of this country.

There had been, of course, earlier gallant attempts to form orchestras, opera companies, oratorio societies and such to satisfy the cultural needs of the numerous audiences and to give an outlet to local talents and ambitions. All these enterprises were doomed to failure, mainly because of lack of financial support; but in the last instance their artistic level had been so dubious or at least uneven that no amount of enthusiasm on the part of conductors, musicians and singers at that time could save them from their inexorable fate. The only professional orchestra was the band of the Palestine Police Force, with the Broadcasting Service, having just started its existence, boasting only a tiny "Studio Orchestra."

Two and Two

All the greater the merit of Bronislaw Huberman, whose concert tours here acquainted him with our audiences' tremendous enthusiasm for good music. Since, at the same time, Central Europe was witnessing the process of "Aryanization" which deprived many first-class musicians of their livelihood, Huberman, in his own words, put two and two together, uniting "the desire of the country for an orchestra with the desire of the European musicians for a country."

It is difficult to visualize the tremendous amount of energy, time and money Huberman spent until he found the necessary funds, suitable musicians, conductors and soloists, and the orchestra could really start its life. He collected his musicians from all corners of the globe — it proved especially difficult to find wind players — and it was from 14 different countries that the 72 artists of the original ensemble came.

The biggest boost was given the newborn orchestra by the presence of Arturo Toscanini, who, assisted by H. W. Steinberg, moulded the heterogeneous group into one wonderful instrument. Whoever had the good fortune to hear the first concerts under the maestro's direction will never forget this experience.

Influences Education

Although the orchestra (or audience!) never again achieved this level of utter devotion and enthusiasm, the imprint of its existence on the music life of our country since then cannot be overestimated. The country was suddenly alive with dozens of good teachers who started to educate a new generation of young students, while ensembles of all kinds, trios, string quartets, wind ensembles and the like, which fulfilled the cultural needs of our budding society, soon dominated practically all the concert stages in the country.

In these 20 years, the Orchestra has given over 3,300 performances. An imposing array of conductors and soloists has appeared with it in the course of that time. Its early concert tours to neighbouring countries, its successful trip to the U.S. and last year's visit to Europe are all well remembered. It has spoken to the outside world through the medium of recordings made for "Columbia-H.M.V. on an international standard; they should add to the high esteem in which the orchestra is held abroad. Next year Decca will record the I.P.O.'s performance of two Mendelssohn Symphonies under Georg Solti, some Dvorak works under Kubelik and two Mozart Symphonies under Joseph Krips.

Tradition Established

Today the orchestra is an integral part of our life, its position unassailable, its standard of performance gratifyingly high. Many faces have changed, some members have left to seek greater glory outside the orchestra, or an easier job abroad, the lives of some have closed their circle and quite a number of heads have turned grey, but the organization as such has established a tradition, which the many young members of the ensemble, mostly recruited from locally-grown talent, can be expected to carry on.

Of course, the Orchestra has been subject to criticism on several points, such as the question of permanent or guest conductors, programme policy, and the I.P.O.'s stand towards Israel soloists and compositions. It seems that for many reasons the system of guest conductors is the only workable and reasonable one under prevailing conditions. With some care the pitfalls of haphazard programmes could easily be avoided. Lately there are signs that the I.P.O.'s attitude towards Israel soloists and composers is undergoing some change for the better. But then if enough good works were written by our composers the orchestra would hardly refuse to include some of them in its programmes, so that the fault may well lie with the composers.

One sore point is the question of concert halls at the disposal of the orchestra. Only Tel Aviv has so far been lucky enough to find a benefactor — in the person of Frederic R. Mann, who is assisting the Municipality and the American Fund for Israel Institution (the I.P.O.'s chief supporter abroad) to erect a Cultural Centre with a 3,000 seat auditorium equipped with proper acoustics.

The I.P.O. has many plans for the future which should benefit the whole country and further enhance its reputation amongst us. Since it already reaches practically the whole of the community, appearing as it does in rural areas and towns, at soldiers' and youth concerts and especially over Kol Yisrael every Sunday night, increased public support for its activities is essential.

CROCODILES AT THE BANQUET

By ARTHUR SCHOLES

SYDNEY (NANA)

John Porter, wealthy Melbourne businessman, went North to Queensland to look for 250 baby crocodiles for a $15,000 banquet held in Sydney recently.

The crocodiles were not eaten but mounted as menu holders.

Mr. Porter organized the banquet for the Wirth family, well-known circus proprietors, as entertainment for 250 overseas and Australian Olympic visitors to Melbourne.

Guests at the 10-course banquet sat down to eat with two lions, attended by their trainers.

MUSICAL DIARY

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Moshe Bashmet, conductor. Avram Melamed, violin, with the Haifa Chamber Choir. Hadva Ben-Ami, alto; Yehoshua Eszner, bass; Lucie Arnon, soprano. (May Hall, December 10). Haydn-Symphony in D major; Bach-Cantata No. 150, "Artus Tragicus"; Andre Hayos Violin Concerto No. 1; Beethoven: Egmont, Incidental Music.

THERE was the joyful and expectant atmosphere of an opening night, at this performance, especially since the programme was a promising one. The Haydn opened quite smoothly, but the less said about the Bach item the better, with regard to the strings, flute and choir disagreeing, and burying Bach a second time with his own requiem. Not separating the various voice parts on the stage may be good practice for perfect professional singers but should be avoided in a partly amateur choir. Both orchestra and choir were disappointing, although the soloists sang their parts with pure musicality.

The Haifa composer, Andre Hayos, could not have thought of a more enthusiastic interpreter for the first Israel performance of his concerto than the young orchestra leader, Avram Melamed, who with this performance played himself into the front rank of our soloists.

Turn-of-Century Style

Hayos, born in Hungary in 1900, settled in Haifa six years ago and is well known as a teacher. The concerto, written in his youth, consists of three movements in Sonata form and flows on in the style that marked a good deal of music at the turn of the century.

The orchestra matched the inexhaustible energy of its young conductor in the "Egmont," which would, however, have been more impressive if Mr. Badmor had not changed into a Stretta the Allegro vivace of Klaerchens song, sung with musical elan by Lucie Arnon.

Haifa Chamber Music Society (Edith Rosen, piano; David Schnaidig, violin; Arieh Israeli, viola; Daniel Kadmiel, cello). (Beit Hecalutz, December 11). Schubert: Adagio and Rondo in F major; Franck: Piano Quartet in C minor, op. 15; Dvorak: Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, op. 87.

CHAMBER music requires fervent co-operation amongst the participants, their mutual understanding inspiring each other and subconsciously refining their methods of expression.

The artists and the music that we heard on Saturday night came up to all these expectations. There was not a weak spot either in Schubert's posthumous work or in the Fauré. The ease with which the ensemble performed this passionate but lightly perfumed music was admirable.

New Viola

The nearly orchestral richness, gipsy-like music and coquettish figuration of Dvorak's work too, stood out in vital relief. Though the sound of the youngest member of the ensemble, Mr. Israeli, matches well with his colleagues, we still miss the enchanting golden sound of Partos' viola, and every artist replacing him will have to strive hard to compete with the ideal perfection of this master of his instrument.

G. W.-B.

Jerusalem 4th Chamber Music Concert (Beit Hillel, December 19). M. Breslaur, viola da gamba; Uri Toeplitz, flute; A. Sachs, harpsichord; Y. Manor, cello. Works by Orth, Stingeri, Buxtehude, Bach, Marcel, Couperin, Lekeu.

THIS programme was notable for its choice of works written between 300 and 400 years ago and the participation of a viola da gamba, giving the interpretation an authentic ring. The harpsichord looked as if it was just as old, and one can only hope that a more adequate instrument will be acquired some day to give Arieh Sachs more satisfactory scope for his dedication to old music.

Outstanding too was the playing of Uri Toeplitz, who has not appeared in Jerusalem for a long time. His thoughtful phrasing, his beautiful and even tone and especially his lively interpretation contributed greatly to making the concert a real experience instead of giving the audience the impression of archaeological research into periods long dead and petrified.

Reanimated Music

The music came alive through Marc Roseinar's complete and enthusiastic performance, ably assisted by Arieh Sachs and effectively supported by Yaacov Menes, who kept himself modestly in the background as the style of this music demands from a *continuo* player. All in all a most pleasing evening and further proof of the contention that forgotten music can be re-animated when accorded an understanding interpretation. *B.*

Sixth Tel Aviv Museum Concert of Chamber Music (December 22). Feldebuk Quartet (B. Feldebuk and J. Malkin, violins; S. Steinberg, viola; E. Bregman, cello) and F. Simanor, clarinet.

THE opening work was Mozart's "The Hunt" Quartet, (K.458) which was marked by reliable musicianship. While Hugo Wolf's short but enthralling "Italian Serenade," played with flawless technique, was the highlight of the evening, the final number, Brahm's Clarinet Quintet, enthusiastically though smoothly led by Mr. Feldebuk, lacked some of its inherent romanticism. Mr. Simanor, the young assisting artist, revealed himself, however, as a clarinettist of high quality. *AVIDOM*

Mamat Gan Chamber Orchestra Musical Forum Series. Lecture by Dr. Gradenwitz. Ha'Yarkon Hall Ramat Gan (December 20).

DR. Gradenwitz reported impressions from his recent trip to Europe, which is now a veritable hot-bed of musical development. Festivals of modern music are no longer a necessity, as radio stations provide an average of two programmes weekly in this field and composers, even young and unknown ones, get their works performed almost as soon as they are dr on paper. What an enviable state of affairs!

Naturally, in such circumstances, there is much experimenting and avant-gardism and Schoenberg or Bartok almost count among the classics. The lecturer stressed the great influence of von Webern and a great and searching interest in Oriental music. Other main trends are Pointillism in France and the primitivism of Orff in Germany.

Electronic Experiments

Dr Gradenwitz dealt at some length with the development of electronic music, in which experiments are being conducted on a huge scale. He spoke mainly of the technical aspects of the matter and of the way it makes use of its raw material, sounds not as a rule produced by a musical instrument. From the few examples which he played one could not form a definite opinion, but the powerful effects and the very sombre mood which it produces bothered me for quite some time.

As there are no tones of a definite pitch, there is no harmony or even melody except in a very broad sense in electronic music. Its rhythm is very free. Any relation it might bear to music as we know it is very distant, but the attraction it has for composers is obvious. It is virgin material, whereas in comparison with it the possibilities of ordinary musical tone have been almost exhausted.

For the listener it is an entirely new experience, easier to follow than some other music and not necessarily unpleasant. Still, I expect the Steinway will still stay in business for some time.

W. A.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Treaty with France

THE disclosure made by the head of the French Socialist delegation to a Tel Aviv press conference the other night about advanced negotiations for a secret Israel-French treaty has set Al Hamishmar (Mapam) wondering what the rest of the world will say. In addition, writes the paper, it must not be forgotten that Mapam is a member of the Government Coalition and as such should have been informed. The big boys who insist on collective responsibility but turn their backs on it when it suits them are trying the patience of their partners. At all events, this secret diplomacy must end, especially when it concerns such fateful issues.

Herut, viewing the latest *fedayeen* depredation at Yekneam, repeats its warning that the key to the Security of the State is at Sinai. Our remaining there will guard the State against further Egyptian attacks and will deter all the other desert jackals in the north or in the east from committing acts of sabotage which Israel will be swift to punish.

"Peace on earth" may be the word on Christmas, writes Davar (Histadrut), but it is precisely those who speak in the name of peace for the glory of the U.N. and who have Christian morality to guide them that argue that the time is not opportune for a peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs. Thus spake John Foster Dulles and thus Jawaharlal Nehru, who only last night spoke glowingly about the need to settle contentions in the way of peace. Except, that is, where Israel is involved.

Hamodia (World Agudа) writes that with all the will of the Government of Israel to honour the U.N. Assembly resolution it cannot close its eyes to the dangers that threaten it. Continued U.N. pressure on Israel, unbacked by suitable guarantees to restore peace, only assists the Arabs in undoing the U.N.'s own decision to set up the State of Israel.

Those who think, writes Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) that this State will respond to the pressure of the Powers without considering its vital interests are quite mistaken. There is a limit to withdrawal. This stiff-necked people will stand behind its border and keep the key positions that guarantee its security and freedom. Those who would return the Egyptian aggressor to our borders must know in advance that they will be responsible for the inevitable conflagration that is bound to affect them too.

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Readers' Letters

PLAYS FOR CHILDREN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I am certain that most parents who have had the time to think about it will agree with me that art and culture play an important part in the growing-up process of children of that most difficult and impressionable age group of 12 to 16. These parents will have noticed with disdain their children's increasing demand for worthless cinema performances, which are only liable to spoil their taste for good plays and educate them to superficiality.

Education is not to be found in book learning alone, and our local theatres have quite an educational task in this field, of which I doubt they have hitherto been aware. The cost of regular theatre visits is prohibitive; besides, as the performances end at a very late hour (especially in Haifa), children who attend them get up tired in the morning.

I should therefore like to propose that we form a joint body of interested parents to arrange for special performances for schoolchildren only, at reduced prices, and have subscriptions for, let us say, six plays at first — two performances for each of the three main theatre groups. I am convinced that a combined effort from many parents will secure us the assistance of our municipality and even of the theatre companies themselves.

Will therefore everyone in Haifa sharing this idea please contact L.H., P.O.B. 454, Haifa, and volunteer to spread the idea among schoolchildren, teachers and parents, so that a special subscription series for children may materialize and receive the enthusiastic response it deserves? Surely this will be rendering a great service to the youth of our country.

Yours, etc.
L. H.

AN INTERESTED MOTHER
Haifa, December 12.

"DOSH"

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Generally I decide to write to the Press, compose my letter mentally — and wait for someone else to express my ideas in print. I am most surprised that no one has beat me to it in singing the praises of "Dosh." Having heard so many people express themselves verbally, I think that it's about time that someone spoke for all of us and publicly declared our appreciation. The only complaint we have is that on the days we look for his cartoons in vain, we are left to face the morbid headlines without that initial lift of humour.

Yours, etc.
G. COHEN

K'far Ono, December 20.

AIR-RAID SHELTERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I be allowed to add some remarks to Mr. Yaacov Ardon's useful article on air-raid shelters in your issue of December 19. The name of the law, incidentally, is the Civil Defence Law, 5711-1951 and it would be useful to the public if Sefer Ha-Hukkim No. 71, which contains its text in Hebrew, could be reprinted and put on sale again.

The responsibility of providing a shelter does not always devolve on the landlord. The law differentiates between (1) "business premises," which means a permanent building, or part thereof, used or intended to be used as a place of work or business in which not less than 10 persons work at the same time or which is ordinarily frequented by not less than 20 persons at the same time; and (2) a "house," which means a permanent building, structurally separate from other buildings and used for persons to stay therein (shahayat lenat adam), other than a building which consists entirely or mainly of business premises.

The duty of providing a shelter for "business premises" (such as factories, large workshops, theatres, cinemas, large offices and stores etc.) rests with the "business owner," i.e. the person occupying the business premises, who is often not the landlord. This of course includes companies, partnerships and other associations. In the case of such bodies, the principal, secretary, director or manager may also be liable. The court may, in addition to any penalty, order the closure of the business premises, or part thereof, until the shelter is constructed or for a shorter period.

The other class, "houses," includes dwelling houses and smaller business or trade premises (such as small shops and workshops with less than 10 employees). Here the landlord must cross the shelter, and the tenants have to reimburse him with one-half or one-quarter of the expenses, according to the age of the building. But he must lay out the money himself first. The "landlord" means any person receiving rent from a house whether in his own right, or as agent, trustee or executor, or the person who would receive rent if the house were let; and in the case of a house leased for a period of 21 years or more, the lessee.

The penalties for non-construction of shelters are imprisonment up to three months or a fine up to IL375 or both. If the offence is committed during a period of hostilities, the maximum may be increased to one year's imprisonment or IL4,500 fine, or both.

In cases brought to court so far, some magistrates have deferred sentence for a short period, in order to give the offender a chance to build or complete the shelter, and if he complies, this is taken into account in imposing the penalty — an eminently practical approach.

It is not correct that "local authorities have only now received strict orders" to enforce the law, although the pace is naturally being increased. Since 1951, all building plans must include an air-raid shelter, and licences are not normally issued unless this is complied with. The use of a shelter for residential or business purposes is an offence against both the Civil Defence Law, 1951 and the Town Planning Ordinance, 1936. Many such cases have been brought to Court by the local authorities and judgments given for the termination of the illegal use, which means in effect that the tenant has to seek another home or place of business.

I do not agree with Mr. Ardon that the law is poorly drafted, but it certainly requires some amendments that were not foreseen five years ago, and I understand that some of these will shortly be brought before the Knesset. The practical difficulties that have arisen in practice are mainly due to: (1) the erection of buildings without adequate shelters, or their destruction or conversion for other purposes, for profit; (2) lack of funds on the part of landlords and tenants; (3) financial disputes, where shelters built and paid for in previous years have been dismantled and tenants are called upon to contribute again. In many cases, cellars intended for shelters have been let as workshops, for hay-money, and there is the problem of finding the tenant new accommodation, to say nothing of the loss of clientele and goodwill.

The moral is in all cases for prospective tenants and purchasers to be sure to ascertain from the local authority what is the position of the air-raid shelter in the building *before* they decide to take the flat or shop or other premises. Otherwise they may face the loss of both their money and their safety.

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